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FOR GARRISON FROM MATLOCK

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. RE PARA 5, STATE 168315, IGOR SAYS HE GAVE NO ASSURANCES. I HAVE REVIEWED GROUNDRULES ON DISTRIBUTION AND RECEIPT OF MATERIALS WITH ENTIRE POL/INT SECTION AND BELIEVE THAT THEY ARE AND INDEED WHERE FULLY UNDERSTOOD. MORE IMPORTANT, I BELIEVE THEY WILL NOT BE FOLLOWED TO THE BETTER IN WAKE OF YESTERDAY'S COMPLAINT.

2. I PLAN TO GO TO KIEV NEXT WEEK FOR EXHIBIT OPENING. WILL BE THERE JULY 14 AND 15 IF YOU SEE NO PROBLEM.

3. AS YOU WILL HAVE SURMISED FROM MOSCOW 10747 AND SUBSEQUENT CABLE ON MY CONVERSATION WITH KOMPLETKOV, SOVS ARE SHOING NO GIVE ON KIEV BOUNDARIES QUESTION.

APPRECIATE YOUR THOUGHTS ON WHERE WE GO FROM HERE, SINCE WE DO NOT HAVE A GOOD FEEL FOR HOW SOLID OUR POSITION IS. WE HAVE TRIED TO CONVEY IDEA TO SOVS THAT BOUNDARIES PROBLEM COULD HOLD UP THINGS INDEFINITELY IF THEY PERSIST IN NOT CONSIDERING SOME EXPANSION. HOWEVER, IT SEEMS UNLIKELY THAT SOVS WILL BUDGE IN NEAR FUTURE UNLESS WE HAVE SOME MEANS OF SQUEEZING THEM. I'M NOT COMPLETELY CLEAR ON JUST WHAT SOVS
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ARE DOING IN N.Y. AT MONENT, BUT ONE POSSIBLE OPTION WOULD

BE TO INFORM THEM THAT ALL RPT ALL WORK MUST CEASE
AND ALL PERSONNEL BE WITHDRAWN IF ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION
NOT REACHED BY A CERTAIN DATE. WHETHER WE WOULD WISH TO
GO THIS FAR DEPENDS ON HOW IMPORTANT BOUNDARIES ISSUE
IS TO US, AND I MENTION IT ONLY AS IDEA AND NOT NECESSARILY
AS SUGGESTION.

4. MELENCAMP AND WILKINSON WILL BE OFF SUNDAY AND WE SHALL
CERTAINLY MISS THEM BOTH. PLEASE ASK EVERYONE TO BEAR IN
MIND THAT WE WILL BE UNDERSTAFFED IN ECON/CML FOR SEVERAL
WEEKS. WE'LL DO OUR BEST, BUT WITH LARGE TURNOVER AND MANY
GAPS, THERE IS BOUND TO BE SOME SLIPPAGE IN PERFORMANCE
UNTIL SEPTEMBER OR SO.

5. MICROWAVE ISSUE DID NOT RPT NOT COME UP AT
TODAY'S PRESS BRIEFING, AND SO FAR AS WE ARE AWARE, THERE
HAS BEEN NO LEAKAGE OF FACT SHEET. QUOTE FROM POLLACK ON
AP WAS NOT HELPFUL.
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